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Serial No. 10/125,608
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For: METHOD OF HANDLING A STRUCTURE
AND EQUIPMENT OF HANDLING THE SAME

REQUEST FOR DIVISIONAL APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

Commissioner for Patents
Mail Stop Patent Application
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a request for filing a divisional application under 37 CFR §1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 10/125,608, filed on April 19, 2002, entitled METHOD OF HANDLING A STRUCTURE AND EQUIPMENT OF HANDLING THE SAME, by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed.

2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

3. A Credit Card Payment Form including the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.

4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

5. New drawings are enclosed, forty-five(45) sheets, Figs. 1-49.

6. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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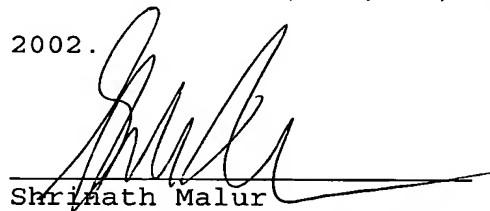
7. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd. and Hitachi Plant Engineering & Construction Co., Ltd..

8. Priority of the following Japanese patent application is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

No. 2001-130580, filed April 27, 2001
No. 2002-108683, filed April 11, 2002.

The certified priority documents have been filed in the prior application.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present divisional application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 10/125,608, as originally filed on April 19, 2002.



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